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ADA IS AT PRESENT INVESTING several hundred thousand dollars in water works extension, sewerage construction, city hall erection, gas development, state normal college and what not.

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WHISKEY MUDDLE IS IMAGINARY

GOVERNOR HASKELL SPEAKS POINT BLANK ON THE SUBJECT.

WILDCAT PRESS IS SKINNED

When Examination is Complete it Will be Shown That the State Has Not Lost.

Guthrie, Okla., June 30.—The so called "Dispensary muddle" called forth by the report of deputy Alexander to State Inspector and Examiner Chas. A. Taylor, is largely an imaginary muddle, a tempest in a tea-pot; a veritable mountain manufactured from a mole hill, and the report has been so badly garbled by the partisan and sensational reports sent to various newspapers that it does not in the least resemble the original report or reflect the intentions of the deputy inspector who made the examination.

The State Agency (Dispensary) has always been a subject of severe criticism from the so called "Whiskey crowd," and also from many ultra prohibitionists, and every possible effort has been made to discredit it.

R. E. Lozier, first superintendent, spent many laborious days and sleepless nights in trying to work out a system that would comply with the law and at the same time be simple enough to handle the business expeditiously. He found that he had to deal with more than seventy five agencies, a large force of enforcement officers, and a whole regiment of county officers who also assisted in enforcement.

The \$50,000 appropriation made by the first legislature for the purpose

of not only running the Agency but to cover the cost of enforcement of prohibition, according to law could only be paid out by the Auditor or orders signed by the Governor. Besides this original appropriation, money was continually coming in from the sale of liquors by seventy-eight local agencies and from confiscations. Thousands of checks must necessarily be drawn, entailing much clerical work.

Supt. Lozier conceived the idea of establishing a "superintendent fund" into which the proceeds of the sale of liquors could be deposited and upon which checks for running expenses could be drawn without calling upon the governor for his signature each time that a check was drawn. It is this fund that has caused the trouble.

The deputy examiner did not recognize this as a lawful fund. The report of Mr. Alexander has been sadly misconstrued by persons who only read portions of it. It does not hint at misappropriations; it does not accuse any one of theft. It does criticize the method of book keeping employed in the state agency and insists that the money paid to enforcing officers should only be paid on sworn statements accompanied by receipted vouchers.

This recommendation calls forth a difference of opinion—an honest difference. Governor Haskell points out that if enforcing officers be compelled to file public statements as to who are paid for the secret service that it would destroy the efficiency of the service by disclosing to the violators of the law the names of the secret service men.

So far as Attorney General West is concerned, he is said to have already filed vouchers with the State Auditor which will show who received every penny of money paid out by his order. If it be necessary to do this, there is no doubt that enforcing attorney, Caldwell, can and will do the same.

There are few people here who be-

lieve that Mr. Lozier, or any other officer connected with the agency has ever received a dishonest dollar and that the worst that can be said is that their bookkeeping failed to come up to the standard required by the state inspector and examiner.

In speaking of the report this morning, Mr. Taylor, State Inspector and Examiner, called attention to the fact that he had not accused any officer of wilful wrong doing, and also stated that when sworn statements are properly filed with the vouchers attached that he would gladly cause a supplemental report to be made.

The whole affair is, indeed, unfortunate, for like all scandal when once made public, its poison immediately becomes effective and innocent parties are made to suffer.

For the purpose of getting at the bottom of the whole affair Governor Haskell yesterday issued the following letter:

"Guthrie, Okla., June 29th, 1909.—Mr. Geo. D. Conger, State Supt. Oklahoma Anti-Saloon League, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dr. J. M. Gross, Ardmore, Okla.; Rev. C. C. Subblefield, Ada, Okla.; Rev. J. B. McDonald, Tulsa, Okla. Gentlemen: In a recent statement of the accounts of the State Dispensary Agency and the Prohibition Enforcement Department by the State Examiner and Inspector, Hon. Chas. Taylor, the public press has seen fit to construe such report as reflecting on the several officers who had connection direct or indirect therewith, namely, Mr. Lozier, former superintendent, Attorney General West, and State Enforcement attorney Caldwell; also that the dispensary business and prohibition enforcement was extremely expensive to the tax payers of the state, etc.

Believing that the people of the state are entitled to a better understanding of the facts than some of the Press seem disposed to give their readers and that prohibition and

its methods of enforcement can best be passed upon by those who favor prohibition and wish it success, I therefore ask you above named gentlemen to assemble at the capitol on next Thursday, July first and make such complete investigation of Mr. Taylor's report and of everything connected with the dispensary and the law enforcement work, all receipts and expenditures of money, stock and every other thing connected therewith as will qualify you to speak with full knowledge and thereupon to submit your report in writing for the information of the public in general as well as myself officially.

Sincerely yours, (Signed) C. N. Haskell, Governor.

It is believed that when the examination is complete that it will be conclusively shown that the state has not lost a dollar and that the officers have clean hands.

The partisan press has attempted to show that the Agency has cost the people \$28,000. This also included the cost of prohibition enforcement. No sane man would expect it to be less. That is only little more than \$300 to the county and if criticism would lie at all it would be that more should be expended.

Colonel to the Bat.

Col. Clarence B. Douglas is going to break into the newspaper game again in Muskogee. He admitted it this morning. He says he is going to wait until fall and is now looking for downtown business property for a location.

"I have no million dollars behind me, but will have enough to make it a permanent proposition," he said. "I am going to print two editions, morning and evening. I am not worrying over the graves of other newspapers. No paper that I ever conducted was ever buried."—Muskogee Times-Democrat.

Try a News "Want Ad."

GEORGE LINDSTROM ACQUITTED

Plea of Not Guilty Was Sustained in Court.

The trial of George Lindstrom, who was accused of attempting to burglarize the whiskey ware room at the Katy depot on or about the 23rd day of June, was finished in Judge Brown's court yesterday afternoon. When the evidence was all in George was acquitted by the judge and turned loose without hearing argument by the attorneys. It was a plain case of having the wrong party and nothing developed in the trial to indicate who the guilty parties are.

George is a young man twenty years of age, sober and intelligent and proved an excellent character in the court. He was born in Udall, Kansas, twenty years ago. He developed into a telegraph operator early in life and has held several responsible positions. He came to Ada about eight or ten months ago and took the position of night operator. He has been sober and upright since his residence in Ada and has many friends who are glad to learn that he is guiltless.

He has just been promoted from his present situation to the dispatcher's office at Oklahoma City where he will have a day job and one which carries more responsibility.

Mr. John Lindstrom, father of George, who resides at Udall, Kansas, was here through the trial and will return home tonight, accompanying his son as far as Oklahoma City.

Whatever reports may go out from here concerning George Lindstrom, the fact remains that he has been proven innocent beyond doubt of the crime with which he was charged.

For a Long Rest.

For ten long years H. McNair, local agent for the 'Frisco,' has been at his desk attentive to every duty. For the first time during this period he is off on a vacation, and before he returns he will have rimmed the continent. He left this morning for Galena, Kansas, where he will visit with his father. He goes from there to Portland, Maine, where he will attend the national association of railway agents. After that he will visit Boston, New York City, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Butte, Portland, Spokane and other northern and northwestern cities. He will go down through California, cross the Rocky Mountains and finish his vacation back in Kansas.

HON. C. B. BEE

Rate Officer of the Corporation Commission in Town Looking After State Business.

Hon. C. B. Bee, railroad and express rate officer of the corporation commission came to Ada this morning for the purpose of inspecting the progress and make up of an order of printing from the commission, the same being the order of reduction of express rates in Oklahoma.

Previous to the acceptance by Mr. Bee of his present responsible trust, he was traffic manager on an important American railroad. While being no exception to the uniform policy of the Oklahoma corporation that of selecting the office experts and other employees, only on the consideration of their general integrity and personal fitness, it is known that Mr. Bee possesses as well a qualification, which within itself is oftentimes the dominating influence that commands patronage within a public office being that of the possession of strong political connections and associations, among which it may be related, he is the stepson of Judge Stillwell H. Russell of the Ardmore District, a distinct political factor in this state.

Gore For President.

Boston Herald, June 18: No blind man was ever president. But Senator Gore's eligibility is beyond question. The senator says that he has not yet resigned his seat in the senate, and has not yet selected his cabinet, but he says that every man, woman and child in Oklahoma will have a job before any body else need apply.

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The Ice Cream That We Serve

is made by the Purity Ice Cream Co., of Ada, Okla., a Home Product and it is the best, by test. Try it. . . .

Ramsey's Drug Store
PHONE NO. 6

Cotton in Bloom.

Felix Henderson, who lives two miles east of Ada, was a caller at the News office this morning. He presented the editor with a bouquet of cotton blooms which were fragrant and which had a healthy appearance. Mr. Henderson states that he has sixty acres of cotton, twenty of which is in full bloom. He predicts a bumper crop.

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Bankrupt Stock Bought

Walsh Stock of Bankrupt Goods Bought by The Texas Dept. Store

Bray Bros, of Sherman, Texas, bought this stock a few days ago at 45c on the dollar. They found out very soon that their prices and quality would not compare with the big Texas Dept. Store of Ada, Okla. They came and made an open confession that they could not compete with us and sold us the stock at 1-2 what they paid for it. This makes this stock cost us 22 1-2c on the dollar. We are going to give the people of Ada and Pontotoc County the benefit of our low price buying. All damaged goods selected out of this stock by the buyers of each department in the Texas Dept. Store will be thrown from the top of our awning and given away next Saturday to our customers and citizens of Ada. Our motto is, "Nothing but Good Merchandise Sold in Our Store at Low Prices." Very Truly,

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Texas Dept. Store

Goods Given Away And Thrown Into The Street Saturday At 3 P M

